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in the Middle East

The following information has been received from the Chief of Staff of UNTSO regarding the situation in the Israel-Syria sector on 30 April 1974:

1. Reports on ground activity:

(a) Patrol 31 (AMR 2449-2982) 1/ and Patrol 42 (AMR 2431-2951): Artillery fire by Syrian forces at 0215 2/ and by Israel forces at 0217 (exchange of fire in the Patrol 31 area); firing ceased by Israel forces at 0230 and by Syrian forces at 0312. Between 0910 and 0945 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1352 and 1554 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1820 and 1905 artillery fire and between 1824 and 1912 mortar fire by Israel forces. Between 1917 and 1920 artillery fire by Syrian forces.

(b) Patrol 32 (AMR 2345-3054), Patrol 38 (AMR 2395-3040) and Patrol 41 (AMR 2353-3005): Between 0315 and 0742, between 0817 and 0925 and between 1004 and 1106 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 0407 and 1128 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 0818 and 0942 tank fire by Israel forces. Between 0853 and 0926 rocket fire by Syrian forces. Between 1106 and 1116 mortar fire by Israel forces. Between 1144 and 1714 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1320 and 1807 artillery fire by Israel forces.

(c) OP Uniform (AMR 2366-2621), OP Three (AMR 2308-2678) and OP Four (AMR 2327-2596): Between 0610 and 0617, between 0727 and 0841, between 0910 and 1204, between 1251 and 1255 and between 1320 and 1620 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 0804 and 0841, between 0917 and 0947, between 1046 and 1048 and between 1105 and 1210 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 0832 and 0842 mortar fire by Syrian forces.

(d) Patrol 34 (AMR 2534-2937), Patrol 35 (AMR 2532-2852) and Patrol 44 (AMR 2519-2911): Between 0717 and 0736 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 0900 and 1007 artillery fire by Syrian forces.

1/ AMR - approximate map reference.

2/ All times GMT.

(e) OP Romeo (AMR 2294-2459): Between 0733 and 0739 artillery fire by Syrian forces.

(f) Patrol 33 (AMR 2444-2814) and Patrol 43 (AMR 2398-2816): Between 0900 and 0901 mortar fire by Syrian forces. Between 1515 and 1644 artillery fire by unidentified forces north-north-west of Patrol 43. Between 1830 and 1931 machine-gun fire by Syrian forces.

2. Reports on air activity:

(a) Patrol 32: Between 0712 and 0713 two Israel forces jet aircraft, flying south-east to north, then turning west, were first observed south-south-west of patrol location and last observed north-north-west of patrol location. Between 0938 and 0954 two unidentified aircraft attacked with rockets unidentified target on Mount Hermon range (three strikes); UNMOs were unable to identify the aircraft and the target owing to distance.

3. Complaints by the parties:

(a) Complaints have been received from Israel alleging that on 28 April:

- (i) At 0015, 0510 and 0720 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Tell Ech Chams area (AMR 2430-2950).
- (ii) At 0800 and 0905 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Tell Nashara area (AMR 2398-2823).
- (iii) At 1000 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the OP Five area.
- (iv) At 1015 and 1900 Syrian forces opened artillery fire on Mount Hermon.
- (v) At 1020 Syrian forces opened artillery fire 5 kilometres east of OP Five.
- (vi) At 1155 Syrian aircraft crossed the forward defended localities in the Mount Hermon area.
- (vii) At 1245 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the OP Three area.

Complaints (iii), (iv) and (v) were confirmed by United Nations observation (see S/11057/Add.437, para. 1 (d) and (e)). The other complaints were not confirmed.

(b) Complaints have been received from Syria alleging that on 29 April:

- (i) At 0335 Israel forces jet aircraft attacked with bombs in the area of AMR 2320-3140.
- (ii) At 0640 Israel forces opened artillery fire on the Syrian villages of Qalaat Jenndal (AMR 2390-3140) and Ain El Borj (AMR 2400-3130).

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- (iii) At 0720 and 1300 Israel forces jet aircraft bombed Syrian positions in the area of AMR 2320-3140 and Patrol 36.
- (iv) At 0850 and 1000 Israel forces opened artillery fire on Syrian positions in the area of AMR 2320-3140.
- (v) At 1010 Israel forces opened artillery fire on Syrian positions in the area of Patrol 36.
- (vi) At 1230 Israel forces opened artillery fire on Syrian positions in the area of former OP Sierra.

Complaint (i) was confirmed by United Nations observation (see S/11057/Add.439, para. 2 (a)). Complaint (iv) was confirmed (see S/11057/Add.439, para. 1 (c)). The other complaints were not confirmed.

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